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901 New York Avenue NW, Suite 200
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Re: Docket MC2012-26

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to strongly oppose the decision of the U.S. Postal Service to offer "Competitive or Enhanced" Post Office boxes that enable the U.S.P.S to directly compete with my small business. As a The UPS Store owner, this decision to offer package delivery to post offices will directly impact my private mailbox revenue and could force me out of business.

The local Post Offices have an unfair competitive advantage over The UPS Stores because of lower tax rates and the full and unlimited backing of the Federal Government. Additionally, at a time when Post Offices across the country are struggling, it is counterintuitive that Post Offices would expand their service offerings and put more strain on their clerks and mail rooms. I think any cost-benefit analysis would clearly show that this is not a wise business decision by the U.S.P.S. At best, Post Offices will steal business away from CMRAs, forcing these small businesses out of business.

It is undeniable that mail volume continues to decline and post offices boxes (both private and through U.S.P.S) are continuing to decline in number. For example, within the past year two CMRAs (Bear Minimum and Mostly Mail) within a one mile radius of my The UPS Store have gone out of business. Yet, despite this, my private mailboxes business has not increased but has actually declined. It is ironic that the U.S.P.S. is attempting to target a business segment that is in decline – at least in my area. So, they can only be offering this service to steal business away from The UPS Stores and similar stores and hope to drive them out of business. There are over 4,300 The UPS Stores in the United States so the impact of this decision could be significant.

Thank you for your consideration in denying the U.S.P.S. to continue to offer competitive post office boxes and directly compete with thousands of small businesses across the nation.

Best regards,

/s

Steve Koger
Small Business Owner